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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action mailed January 5, 1999, in connection with the above-identified patent application, a request for a three-month extension of time to respond thereto, together with the appropriate fee being enclosed herewith, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered, without prejudice: